

WASHINGTON (June 29, 2009) - Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) announced he has obtained \$150,000 in a House bill for historic renovations to the University of Montevallo's Main Hall.

Known as the "Grand Dame" of Montevallo, Main Hall is the oldest and largest residence hall at the University. Original construction dates back to 1897. The building has three sections and currently houses nearly 285 female students.

Congressman Bachus said, "Main Hall is a signature building on the university campus and an important part of the architectural history of the Town of Montevallo. The renovations will preserve Main Hall's grand history, but also continue to keep it in good condition for the many students and university employees who use it each year. It is always a pleasure to work with officials from the University, the Town of Montevallo, and Shelby County on projects that benefit the community."

University of Montevallo President Philip C. Williams said, "The support of Congressman Bachus and his staff is a much-needed boost in the midst of this challenging economic climate. We greatly appreciate his understanding of the importance of this historic treasure, not only to the greater University of Montevallo community but to all citizens of the State of Alabama."

The project is included in the FY10 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill approved by the House. Legislation must be passed by both the House and Senate and signed by the President before becoming law.

